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BORN OUT OF
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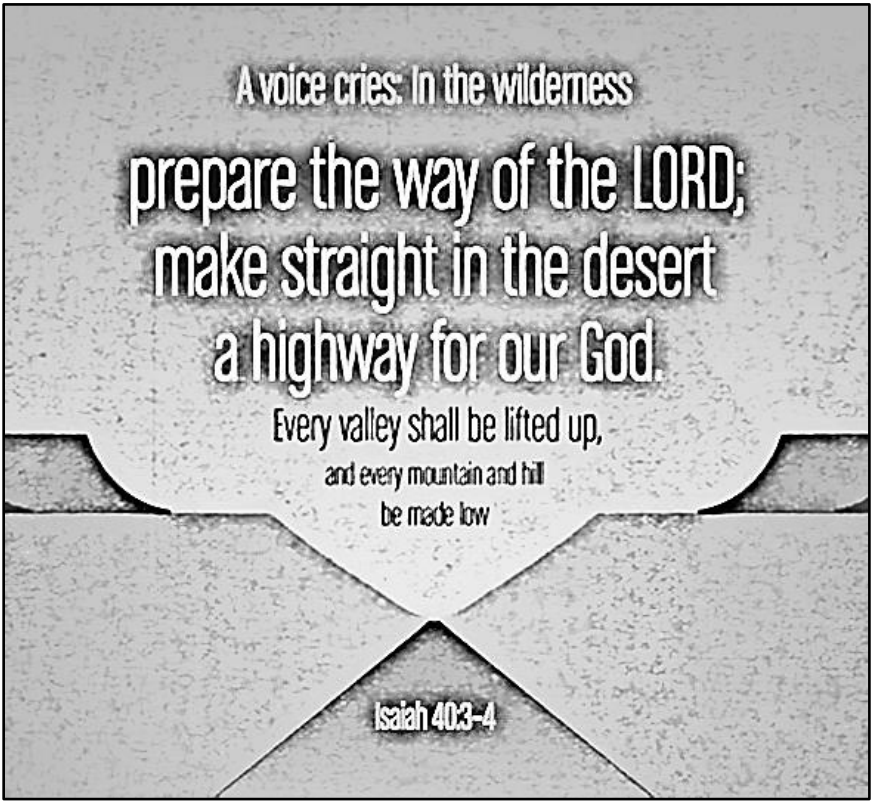
A voice cries: In the wilderness
prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert
a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill
be made low
Isaiah 40:3-4

Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, Pennsylvania
Sunday, August 8th, AD 2021

The LORD'S Day

The Eighth Day of August, *in the Year of our Lord* 2021

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

Sunday School—9:30 AM.

We continue our studies in **Church History**, working on a sub-series relating to the issue of **God & Government**. We are still considering the pros-and-cons of the so-called "Minimal Engagement" view; does Christian civic involvement *matter*?

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *"Peace Like a River"* (#207, v. 2)

Invocation.*

Hymn: *"Come, Thou Almighty King* (#54)."

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Zech. 14:1-11.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *"Praise Him! Praise Him!* (#59)."

Announcemnts.

Hymn: *"Rejoice, the Lord is King* (#52)"

Dismissal of Youth for Kid's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *"A Kingdom born out of Tribulation."*

Invitation Hymn:* *"A Child of the King* (#179)."

Benediction.*

*The Congregation will please arise, if able.

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Wednesday Night Prayer & Bible Study—7:00 PM.

Our in-depth studies in **Daniel** continue, with the account of the "Three Holy Children." The wrath of a King is great and terrifying (Prov. 16:14)—but is also subject to folly (Prov. 14:17), and here it plays a significant role in God being glorified through a fearless act of civil disobedience (Acts 5:29).

Today's Verse for Reflection:

"For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished."

— 2Peter 3:5-6 (ESV)

Week of Aug. 1-Aug. 8, 2021

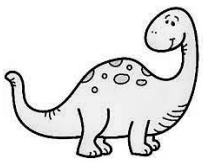
Sunday School—8
Morning Worship—I9
Mid-Week Prayer & Bible Study—I0
Church Offering: $1,363.00

Our **CHURCH PICNIC** will be after services on on Aug. 29; please bring covered Hot Dog & bun if desired, and covered dish or dessert, if possible.

Movie Night

On Fri., Aug. 20, at 6:30 PM, we will be showing ***Overcomer***.

VALLEY GRACE HOSTING DINOSAUR FALL PARTY!



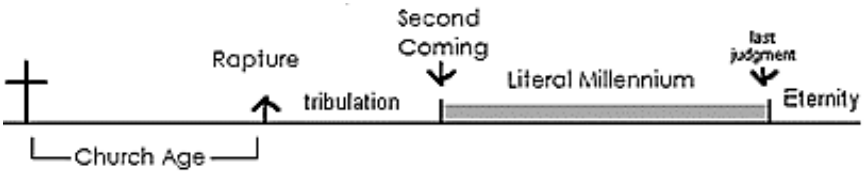
In conjunction with the Armstrong-Indiana County chapter of the Child Evangelism Fellowship, will be hosting a Fall Party for area children on **Sat., Sept. 25**. If you would like to volunteer to help with snacks, etc., please see the Pastor. Volunteers are required to complete the background/ clearance forms found on the CEF website: **https://www.cefaiw.com/**. Do you know any area young people that we can begin mailing invitations to?

Some "does not equals (≠)"

a. The Christian Church ≠ the Nation of Israel…

b. The Present Church Age ≠ The Future Kingdom Age…

c. The glorious but imperfect Kingdom Age (Rev. 20:1-10) ≠ The final Eternal State (Rev. 21-22).



The Relevance of teaching the Kingdom…

1. The emphasis given it by Jesus & His Apostles (cf., Acts, from beginning to end)
2. The amount of Scripture devoted to Prophecy…
   "By one count, about **27 percent of the Bible is predictive**. This means that, when written, **over one fourth of the Bible**—more than one in four verses—was prophetic." (GotQuestions.com)
3. **Not an obscure, trivial concern…** God doesn't waste ink! His Scripturally-revealed agenda needs to be OUR agenda!
4. The matter has some complexity attached to it—but we MUST have confidence in God & His Word, and acknowledge that we need **meat & solid food—not just milk!** (Heb. 5:12-14)
5. The Lord is ready to help the honest student (James 1:5-7)!